

May 2023 (PDF attached)

Latest News

HM King Charles III Coronation Celebrations



Thank you to members of our farming community who attend our Farming Equipment and Technology Fund Demonstration afternoon on Friday 5th May and to the many suppliers for joining us. We took the opportunity to hold our very own HM King Charles III Coronation celebration here at Cutcombe Market and wish him all the best as he embarks on his new chapter as Head of State. Katherine was very privileged to attend the coronation celebrations from the Queen Victoria's Memorial Grandstand in London along with representatives from other Farm Support Networks from Ireland to Scotland to Cumbria

to Cornwall. We had a prime view of the processions outside Buckingham Palace. The weather did not dampen the atmosphere or spirits, and it was an experience I will never forget. His Majesty created The Prince's Countryside Fund because he understood the strains and stresses of those who live in and care for our precious countryside and he wanted to use the position he held then to help them.

Since 2010, their work has directly benefitted over 170,000 people throughout the British countryside. Farm Support Groups like the

Exmoor Hill Farming Network are local organisations and charities supporting people working in agriculture and rural communities. They help address issues around health and wellbeing, and promote sustainable, economic, social and community development. Through the Farm Support Group Initiative, PCF have created a network of more than 50 Farm Support Groups, helping organisations like EHFN to better collaborate and share knowledge, best practice and advice with each other. His support here on Exmoor has enabled us to grow so that we are now helping around 400 farming businesses within the Greater Exmoor area in a variety of ways, including

peer to peer support, the exchange of knowledge, and access to funding and training. Above all, he has enabled us to minimise rural isolation by building an inclusive farming community, that brings people together to share experiences and challenges, while forging friendships.



God save the King.

Exmoor Women in Farming Balmoral Show Study Trip 2023

Nine members of the Women in Farming Group attended a 3-day study trip to Northern Ireland last week visiting Belfast and the Balmoral Show at Lisburn. We enjoyed meeting with women from the 'More than standing in the Gateway' group run by the Rural Health Partnership, aimed at women in farming across Northern Ireland. It was a great opportunity to network with other farming contacts in the UK and discuss issues with other likeminded women and learn from each other. Our projects are funded by [The Prince's Countryside Fund](#) and we were delighted that Ellie and Liz, PCF staff were able to join us. The next day we visited the Balmoral Show and attended the Farm Support Survey Launch – Supporting NI Farmers in Times of Rapid Change overseen by Rural Support, Northern Ireland. These organisations would not be functional without the dedication and support of the Prince's Countryside Fund. Our Exmoor members had the chance to explore Belfast's history and culture and their wonderful array of food and drink and hospitality as well as an overdue rest from their farming activities.



Peer Support Groups

Forward Farming Group May 2023

Visit to Andrew and Tracey Speed

Venue: Briddacott Farm, Carhampton, nr Minehead TA24 6RQ. Map to follow. **Date:** Wednesday 24th May 2023 **Time:** 6.45pm prompt – 9pm **Peer Support Contribution:** £5pp or annual membership £50. The Speed Family operate a holistic approach to their tenanted 2,500-acre farming enterprise to include 180 suckler cows, rearing half to finish. They lamb 1,300 ewes with the lambs finished on farm and 1,000 acres is laid into arable crops within the Dunster Estate. We will hear about the plans to explore farm diversification options for the future and the importance of environmental schemes for this business. We will visit Dunster Deer Park to view some of the works underway. Lifts can be arranged from Cutcombe Market, please let us know.

Booking essential by Monday 22nd May for catering purposes admin@ehfn.co.uk

Next Generation Group (Under 40's) May 2023

Topic: Introduction to a new farm tenancy **Date:** Wednesday 31st May 2023 **Time:** 6.45pm prompt – 9pm approx.

Venue: Court Place Farm, Porlock by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Will Ellicott.

Join us at Court Place Farm home of the Ellicott Family who have recently taken on a 7-year tenancy from Porlock Manor Estate. A mixed beef and sheep enterprise which is looking to expand and increase farm diversification opportunities. They currently operate a self-catering holiday let and livery yard situated gently above Porlock Bay. The farm ranges from 0 – 800 ft above sea level. We will hear from new tenants Will and Debbie about the tenancy process where they will share their own experiences and hopes for their future at Court Place Farm with their young family. Booking is essential for catering purposes - admin@ehfn.co.uk by Friday 26th May 2023.

Exmoor National Park Authority update



Exmoor National Park Partnership Plan Update Meeting

****Date: Monday 5th June Time: 7pm -9pm**

Venue: Exford Village Hall**

The Exmoor National Park Partnership Plan is a strategic plan for the National Park to conserve what is special about Exmoor, help people to experience and enjoy the National Park and to support the people who live and work here. The

Plan guides the work of the National Park Authority, partners and all those who help to look after the National Park and promote its conservation and enjoyment.

This event will outline the work underway to prepare the next five year Plan for 2024-29 and how the farming and land management community can help shape and inform the Plan. To attend, please book at admin@ehfn.org.uk

We are currently undertaking a review of the Exmoor National Park Partnership Plan, and we'd love to have your input!

We want to ask all those with an interest in Exmoor - whether you are a local resident, business or visitor how you think things are changing on Exmoor and what you think are the key issues and opportunities to address over the next 5 years. **View the survey here:** [Exmoor National Park Partnership Plan Your views on Exmoor's future \(Page 1 of 4\) \(office.com\)](#)

We want to conserve what is special about Exmoor, help people to experience and enjoy the National Park and to support the people who live and work here. Your answers will help us review and develop our Exmoor National Park 'Partnership Plan 2024-2029' - a strategic plan for the National Park shaped by all who care about Exmoor and its future. [Find out more about the plan here](#)

Net Zero Challenge for Dartmoor and Exmoor National Parks Webinar

Monday, May 22 2023 at 1:30 PM



You're invited to a climate change webinar hosted by Dartmoor and Exmoor National Park Authorities.



The National Park Authorities have recently had consumption-based carbon footprint reports completed for the National Parks taking into account emissions from the goods and services produced and consumed within Exmoor and Dartmoor. These reports provide an important evidence base and focus for climate change actions in the National Parks.

This webinar launches the carbon footprints and includes topical presentations from Professor Mike Berners-Lee and Dmitry Yumashev (Small World Consulting), Professor Sir Dieter Helm (Professor of Economic Policy at University of Oxford) and Hannah Jones (Farm Carbon Toolkit) exploring how our National Parks can respond to the climate emergency.

Please register below to join us!

REGISTER HERE TO JOIN THE WEBINAR



NFU Mutual

Partner Event (save the date)

A Farm Safety Day

NFU Mutual Rooksbridge and Williton are proud to announce ' **A Farm Safety Day**' on Tuesday 27th June 2023, 11am -3pm at Cutcombe Market by kind

permission of Exmoor Farmers and supported by [Exmoor Hill Farming Network](#)

We also have local businesses showing us the importance of Farm Safety such as:

[Clarke Willmott](#) [Sedgwick](#) [Masons Kings Exebridge](#) [Avon and Somerset Police](#) [Bridgmans Agriculture](#)

- NFU Mutual Risk Management Service - Understand risk on the farm
- Clarke Willmott - Defence when it matters.
- Police accident investigation
- Sedgwicks- Forensic loss investigations.

Refreshments will be provided by [Cutcombe Market Cafe](#)

Phone Kirsty on 01984 633 220 or book via admin@ehfn.org.uk to book your place early and avoid disappointment!

Other Interest

Pine Marten Reintroduction – Exmoor

People across the South West are being given a unique opportunity to give their views on the potential reintroduction of pine martens in the region.

Please complete the survey here: [Should pine martens return to the southwest? Share your thoughts! | Devon Wildlife Trust](#) *Your views are important.*



Devon
Wildlife Trust

Two Moors Pine Marten Project Drop-In Session

Porlock Village Hall, Porlock, TA24 8QD
19 May 2023, 1:30-6pm



Credit: Terry Whittaker 2020Vision

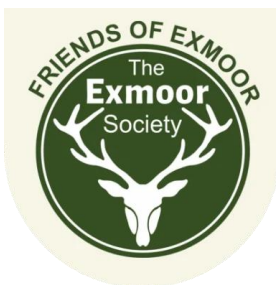
Meet the team and learn more about the proposed pine marten reintroduction on Dartmoor and Exmoor.
No need to book – just turn up!

1:45-3pm Presentation and Q&A
3-6pm Drop-in session

For more information, please visit
www.devonwildlifetrust.org/bringing-back-pine-martens

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The Exmoor Society Member's Spring Conference Friday 19th May 2023 at St Luke's Church, Simonsbath (poster attached) **THIS WEEK**

**** 4 free tickets available to members of EHFN, please contact the office by Thursday 18th by noon if this is of interest to you****

The Exmoor Society Member's Spring Conference is held jointly with the Exmoor National Park Authority and is open to the general public from 9.30am.

This year's theme is 'All things bright and beautiful' and is a celebration of nature with a morning of talks followed by an afternoon of walks.

Speakers include the eminent soil ecologist Professor Karl Ritz and BBC Wildlife filmmaker Alastair Fothergill OBE who is series producer of most of David Attenborough's nature documentaries such as the *Wild Isles* series, *Blue Planet*, *Life in the Freezer* and *Plant Earth*. £25 fee for members and £30 fee for non-members (includes morning coffee, soft drinks and a light lunch). Venue: St Lukes Church, Simonsbath. Book here [Exmoor Society Spring Conference](#)



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Exmoor Young Voices

Can you help Exmoor's young self builders?

Exmoor Young Voices is supporting young people on the moor interested in building their own affordable homes. Our biggest challenge so far is finding building land. So we're appealing to all landowners on Exmoor and asking you if you would be willing to sell a parcel of land to a local family. We encourage you to show your generosity and do your bit to support the next generation on Exmoor, enabling young people to continue living where they call home. View information here and attached [Self Build Project Help - EXMOOR YOUNG VOICES](#)

Commercial Adverts

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For Sale

Huntaway puppies from Exmoor working farms ready from the beginning of May. There are 5 girls and 5 boys available. Microchipped. Viewings welcome. Please contact Nathan for further information on 07549 832208.

JOB VACANCY



Exmoor Farmers Livestock Auctions are an established Firm providing Land Agency and Auctioneering for a wide ranging portfolio of Clients throughout the Exmoor area and adjoining districts, together with operating livestock markets at Cutcombe and Blackmoor Gate.

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include the fast evolving carbon and bio-diversity elements of property management. Experience of livestock auctioneering would be advantageous although not essential.

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- a strong agricultural knowledge
- Ideally two years PQE RICS and ideally CAAV, training would be provided for the right candidate
- Attention to detail and an up-to-date working knowledge of relevant areas of practice
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- Ability to work unsupervised and as part of a team
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- Presentable at all times and full driving licence
- Salary commensurate with experience, a vehicle is available if required.

Applications in confidence to Peter Huntley, peter.huntley@sky.com



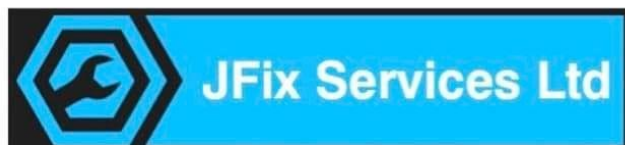
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